

REMARKS

Claims 21-22 and 24 were rejected under §112, second paragraph. Claims 21-22 have been canceled and claim 24 has been amended. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 20-21 and 23-29 were rejected as anticipated by Adobe Photoshop 7.0 (hereinafter "Photoshop") and claim 22 was rejected as unpatentable over Photoshop. Claim 20 has been amended and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested. Support for the amendment is found, for example, on page 18, beginning at line 24, and on page 24, beginning at line 28.

Amended claim 20 includes displaying a visual representation of the layout on first and second displays that are connected to the database by a network, and automatically controlling the first and second displays and the database so that all modifications of the layout made on the first display and on the second display are automatically made in the database and on the other of the first and second displays in real time and so that all modifications of the layout made in the database are automatically displayed on the first and second displays in real time. Further, the visual representation of the layout is modified in one of the first display, the second display and the database by modifying the description of the content of the at least one visual element and of the arrangement and presentation

of the at least one visual element and of a structure of the layout.

Photoshop does not disclose automatically controlling the first and second displays and the database so that all modifications of the layout made on the first display and on the second display are automatically made in the database and on the other of the first and second displays in real time and so that all modifications of the layout made in the database are automatically displayed on the first and second displays in real time. Photoshop does not make the changes automatically in the displays and the database in real time because it makes the changes in the database when they are saved, which is some time after "real time." This appears to be true also for changes made on one display; they are not made on the other until they are saved, which is not "real time." It is also not clear that a user of the second display in Photoshop (the viewer of the HTML file mentioned at the top of page 10 of the Official Action) can modify the layout in the manner claimed. It appears that the user of the second display can only view the layout and has no ability to modify the layout.

Further, it does not appear that Photoshop modifies the layout by modifying the description of the content of the visual element and of the arrangement and presentation of the visual element and of a structure of the layout. Photoshop modifies the

arrangement and presentation of the visual elements but not their content as claimed.

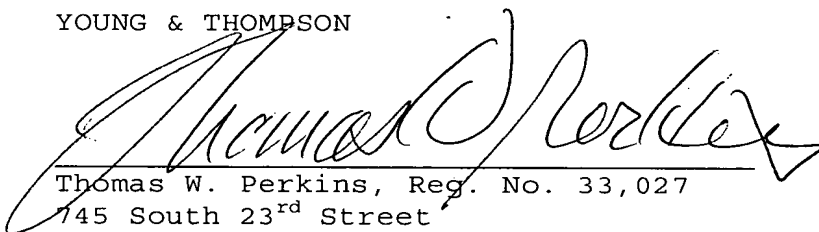
Accordingly, amended claim 20 avoids the rejections under §102 and 103.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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